



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Jannis G. Stavrianopoulos et al.

Serial No. 10/763,102

Filed: January 22, 2004

Title: **LABEL TARGET AND LABELING REAGENTS  
COMPRISING RIGID GROUP BACKBONES**

Group Art Unit: 1626

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**Reply to Office Action and Request for Five Month Extension of Time**

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action Restriction Requirement mailed on May 10, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as "Office Action", a copy of which is attached herein as Exhibit 1) regarding U.S. Patent Application No. 10/763,102. A reply was due on June 19, 2009.

Applicants respectfully petition for a five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to respond to the Office Action, thereby extending the time period for reply up to and including November 19, 2009. As such, this Reply is being filed on time. Applicants submit herewith a requisite five-month extension of time fee for a large entity in the amount of \$2350.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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